- 1 the time this was filed, we did not have any of those
- 2 things. And my approach as required by the Bankruptcy
- 3 Code is to gain control of the property so that I can
- 4 market it.
- 5 Q Can I have the documents you produced earlier,
- 6 please? I think I gave them back by accident.
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Thanks. You were appointed Chapter 7 trustee in
- 9 2009?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q So approximately two-and-a-half years ago?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And if I understand your earlier testimony
- 14 correctly, you've never been to the property?
- 15 A Personally, no.
- 16 Q And have you ever been personally to any of the
- 17 properties in the estate?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Okay. Can you please describe your understanding
- of the property that's at issue in this Unlawful Detainer?
- 21 What does it consist of that you're seeking to get control
- 22 over?
- A It's my understanding that the property consists
- of 1,700-plus acres of rolling hills. There are several
- $^{25}$  structures on the property, several residences, a horse

- 1 barn, and a horse arena, possibly some outbuildings of
- 2 some sort. I have seen aerial views. I have now seen
- 3 pictures of each of the structures. I've seen pictures of
- 4 the road. There are some water wells at issue, which I
- 5 would defer to my general counsel to discuss any of that.
- 6 And there is possibly some grazing areas for livestock.
- Q I understand part of your response about
- 8 deferring and I'm going to try to do the same. I know
- 9 there are other issues that are not related to this --
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q -- UD, so I'm going to do my best to stay in my
- 12 outline here.
- 13 A Okay.
- 14 Q Specifically, do you know how many houses are on
- 15 the property? I'm sorry?
- 16 A I don't want to guess and I -- I didn't review
- the reports that I received from the insurance broker
- 18 before I came down today. I don't want to guess.
- 19 Q Okay.
- A I -- my recollection is four to five, but I don't
- $^{21}$  want to be held to that.
- Q You testified a minute ago about, you've now
- reviewed pictures of the road and pictures of structures.
- Can you identify what pictures those are in terms of
- what's the source?

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- A The source is primarily from the insurance broker
- 2 that we were working with along with your client. And my
- 3 broker has now gone up and taken some pictures of the
- 4 structures. And I believe I reviewed both sets of
- 5 pictures.
- Q And is that of Mr. Kling?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Fritz Kling?
- 9 A Fritz Kling.
- 10 Q Okay. So I already asked you how many houses and
- 11 you responded.
- Do you know how many apartments are on the
- 13 property?

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- 14 A I don't.
- 15 Q Do you know how many agricultural buildings are
- 16 on the property?
- 17 A I do not.
- 18 Q Do you know how many barns are on the property?
- 19 A I have reviewed reports that stated that, but I
- 20 don't recall offhand.
- Q Do you know how many total separate structures
- there are that people live in on the property?
- 23 A I don't.
- Q Do you know how many people live on the property?
- A I don't know the total when you include the kids,

- the grandkids, the great-grandkids. I do not know the 1
- 2 total number, no.
- Do you know how many animals are on the property?
- A I do not.
- Do you know what different types of livestock 5
- there are on the property besides horses and cattle? 6
- As far as I know, there are horses. I don't know 7
- the details on the cattle or any other animals. Dogs. 8
- do understand there's dogs up there. 9
- Do you know -- just a couple. 10 Q
- Do you know what's grown on the property? 11
- 12 A No.
- I'd sent you written discovery and I'm trying to 13
- avoid having to follow up with that at all and wanted to 14
- rehash a couple of the questions on there and make sure I 15
- understood what your answers are. So these are questions
- you've seen before, but I have not asked you before. 17
- 18 Okay?
- 19 A Okay.
- Okay. To the extent that you are seeking \$300 a 20
- day as fair rental value of the premises, what is that 21
- 22 based on?
- That number was based upon information I obtained 23 A
- in discussions with my real estate broker. 24
- 25 Mr. Kling?

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1 A Yes.
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- Q Okay. Do you know if Mr. Kling was giving you an
- 3 opinion of the daily value of the houses or all the
- 4 structures?
- 5 A I do not know.
- 6 Q Or all the property?
- 7 A I do not know.
- Q Okay. Just a rough estimate. But the number of
- 9 days at issue, I think, and that value is like \$81,000 so
- 10 far, so I am hoping you can understand, I'm trying to be
- 11 very specific about what exactly is being sought and what
- 12 parts are being sought if this is a -- you're saying
- 13 \$300 -- or \$9,000 a month for the entire 1,700 acres or
- 14 1,800 acres or what?
- 15 A Well, if we consider the operating order, if
- 16 anyone has been paying rent at the property, those rents
- 17 were supposed to have been turned over to me. I haven't
- 18 seen any rents from the property since I was appointed.
- But as far as the rent issue is concerned, I've told you
- 20 what I know.
- Q Okay. I had asked you in the discovery questions
- whether or not you believed this was an agricultural
- 23 property. I'd like to skip time and not go through all
- 24 these. But, in general, what is your understanding of
- 25 what the property is used for?

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              MR. WITHEM: Objection to the extent the question
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     is overly broad that the property at 1,700 acres is used
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    for one purpose.
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              THE WITNESS: As I understand it, my knowledge is
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    the property is used. People live there. So it's used as
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    a residential property. And I also understand that your
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    client operates some sort of an equine business. That's
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    the extent of my understanding.
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         Q
              BY MR. CHAFFIN:
                               Okay. As far as anyone that
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    currently lives at the property, do you have specific
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    information as to when they began living there? Other
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     than Mr. and Mrs. Leslie and Bobette Leslie.
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             No.
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             MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Okay. I'm going to try to
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    keep this record clean and attach as Exhibit 2 the
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    documents that you produced in response to the Notice.
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              (Whereupon Defendants' Exhibit Number 2
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              was marked for identification by the
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              Court Reporter.)
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              THE REPORTER: Okay.
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              MR. CHAFFIN: So that I can move to Exhibit 3,
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    which is the First Amended Complaint in this case, the
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    Unlawful Detainer Complaint.
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              (Whereupon Defendants' Exhibit Number 3
              was marked for identification by the
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              Court Reporter.)
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             MR. WITHEM: Let the record reflect that the copy
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     that was provided to Ms. McBeth is not a conformed copy.
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     I'm showing her a conformed copy of what appears to be the
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     First Amended Complaint filed March 22, 2012.
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              Counsel, do you represent it's the same document?
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             MR. CHAFFIN: You know what I'll represent,
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    Counsel, is that I was not served with the Complaint. I
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     called Mr. Zeff and asked him why I wasn't. He sent me
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     another copy and that's what I got. So this is what I got
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     the second time. And I do have another copy that I went
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     over and got from the courthouse that's probably
     conformed, but I believe they are the same. I think we
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     can tell most easily if you'll look at your conformed
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    copy.
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             MR. WITHEM: It's the same. I'm just ranting.
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             MR. CHAFFIN: Okay.
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             MR. WITHEM: It's the same. I apologize for
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     that. I'm going to get more active in this case.
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            MR. CHAFFIN: Okay.
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             MR. WITHEM: And we're going to get more answers
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     to your questions when you get my discovery.
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             MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Now, on the back page of
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    what I'm marking as Exhibit 3, there is a Proof of Service
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    by mail dated March 20 that states "I was served with
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Plaintiff's Form Interrogatories to Daphne Smith-Set One."
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              Can you tell me if that's the same Proof of
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     Service on your conformed one?
              MR. WITHEM: It is in my file.
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              MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. I thought maybe because
     there is no Proof of Service showing that I ever got this,
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     that it might have some explanation why I didn't. But it
     really is -- it's irrelevant except to the extent I will
     note for the record, the copy I got does not have any
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    prejudgment claim to right of possession or anything.
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     Otherwise, that would indicate all other residents are
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     being served other than this states the three defendants
     and Does 1 to 10. So I was assuming that maybe that
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     wasn't served on purpose.
              MR. WITHEM: I can't answer your question.
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     have no idea.
              MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. I will also note for the
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     record, Counsel, just so you can discuss with Counsel who
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     came to the hearing of my demurrer to this Complaint, that
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     I brought that up to the court, Judge Borrell, that there
     was no prejudgment claim to right of possession and that I
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     was asking for demurrer so I could find out who you were
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     trying to evict. And he stated that there isn't one, but
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     it's obviously just these three. That's an issue we can
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     work out. But just so you know that those are the
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- 1 proceedings to this point.
- 2 MR. WITHEM: I appreciate that. We will deal
- 3 with it.
- Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Ms. McBeth, my question
- 5 to you is about five pages in on Exhibit 3. This "60-day
- 6 Notice to Terminate Tenancy."
- 7 Do you have that in front of you?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Okay. This 60-day notice you will see at the
- 10 bottom appears to be signed by Mr. Zeff and dated
- 11 September 28th, 2011.
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 A Appears to be, yes.
- Q Okay. Prior to September 28th, 2011, did you
- 15 ever give, send, or serve a Notice to Terminate Tenancy to
- 16 any of the residents at the Wheeler Canyon Ranch?
- 17 A Did I personally?
- Q Well, we can start with certainly you personally.
- 19 Did you ever send it to them?
- A I personally did not.
- Q Did you have someone send it to them?
- 22 THE WITNESS: Can we go off the record for a
- 23 minute?
- MR. WITHEM: Did you want to talk to me?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

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MR. WITHEM: Let's step outside, then.
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              (Discussion held off the record
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              outside the conference room between
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              the witness and her counsel.)
 5
              (Discussion held off the record.)
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              MR. WITHEM: Go back on.
              THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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              Go back on.
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              BY MR. CHAFFIN: Ms. McBeth, we took a break and
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    we had an off-the-record discussion. I'm just trying to
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    nail down are you aware of whether or not the defendants
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     in this case were ever asked to leave the property before
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     this September 28th, 2011, 60-day notice was sent out?
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              I do not know.
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              Okay. And are you aware of whether or not you
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    are seeking $300 a day damages for the entire time they
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    have been there versus the time that this notice was sent
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    or what -- what period?
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              MR. WITHEM: Objection. The question is
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    compound.
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              THE WITNESS: I will based upon the pleadings
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    filed on my behalf in the Unlawful Detainer action is what
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    the damages I'm seeking -- that's the basis for the
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    damages I'm seeking.
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              BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Have you ever asked any
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of the residents at the property to pay rent for the
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- 2 property?
- 3 A No.
- Q Okay. And at any time after you were appointed
- 5 Chapter 7 trustee, did you ever discuss with any of the
- 6 residents the terms of their continuing to live at the
- 7 property?
- 8 MR. WITHEM: Objection. Assumes facts not in
- 9 evidence there are such terms.
- 10 Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: Let me narrow that question
- 11 down. After being appointed Chapter 7 trustee, did you
- 12 ever have a discussion with Robert Leslie or
- 13 Marilyn Leslie about any terms of them continuing to live
- 14 on the Wheeler Canyon property?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Okay. How about with Bobette Leslie?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Any of their family members?
- 19 A No.
- Q Okay. Can you identify anyone who has resided on
- the property that you did discuss terms of residency with?
- MR. WITHEM: Objection. Misstates the testimony.
- ?3 THE WITNESS: No.
  - MR. CHAFFIN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: Can we go off the record for just a

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     second?
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              MR. CHAFFIN: "Let's go off the record.
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              (Discussion held off the record.)
              MR. CHAFFIN: Let's go back on.
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              We had an off-the-record discussion somewhat in
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     response to the pending question. And I believe the prior
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     question was whether or not you had asked anyone there to
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     pay rent. And I don't --
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              BY MR. CHAFFIN: Did we get an answer to that
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     part?
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              You got an answer. It was "no."
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              Okay. Since you were appointed trustee of the
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     subject property, who has paid the utility bills for
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     running the property?
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              MR. WITHEM: Objection. Calls for speculation.
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     Assumes also facts not in evidence that there's only one
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     utility bill, multiple bills, so the question may be
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     compound as well.
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              MR. CHAFFIN: I -- correct.
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              THE WITNESS: I don't know.
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              BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Since you were appointed
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     trustee, who has paid the water bills at the property?
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              I don't know.
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              MR. WITHEM: Same objection.
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                            I don't know.
              THE WITNESS:
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- 1 Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: And you testified earlier about
- 2 the insurance broker and we discussed their insurance
- 3 since Bobette Leslie has gotten involved, that there's now
- 4 a broker and some insurance in place that you're aware of,
- 5 correct?
- A Yes, liability insurance. No property insurance
- 7 to date.
- Q Okay. Prior to -- let me ask you something.
- 9 Since you were appointed trustee, did you pay for any
- 10 property or liability insurance relating to the
- 11 Wheeler Canyon Ranch?
- MR. WITHEM: Objection. Asked and answered.
- THE WITNESS: I paid a deposit to an insurance
- 14 broker who attempted to place insurance on the property,
- 15 but when his investigator went to the property, he was
- 16 denied access. So we were not able to place that
- 17 insurance.
- 18 Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: And that's here recently in the
- 19 last few months?
- 20 A No. That was last year. I sent him the deposit.
- 21 I believe it was last fall.
- 22 Q Okay. Are you aware of whether or not in the
- 23 years 2009, 2010 or 2011 whether or not any of the Leslies
- 24 paid for insurance on the property?
- 25 A I do not know.

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Okay. Since you were appointed trustee, who has
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     paid for maintenance costs at the property?
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              I do not know.
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              Since you were appointed trustee, who has paid
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     for the wages and benefits of individuals who worked there
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     to maintain the property?
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             MR. WITHEM:
                          Objection. The question is again
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    overly broad, compound, calls for speculation, lacks
     foundation.
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              THE WITNESS: I do not know.
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             BY MR. CHAFFIN: Earlier in your testimony you
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     referred to the operating order signed by the Court under
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    which your -- it relates to some of its' language
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     "Collection of rents," et cetera.
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              Do you remember that testimony?
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             Yes.
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          Q
              I want to ask you a few questions about that
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             If you'll give me just a second here, please.
     order.
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              MR. CHAFFIN:
                            I want to mark as Exhibit 4 your
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    Declaration dated November 22, 2011.
21
              (Whereupon Defendants' Exhibit Number 4
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          was marked for identification by the
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             Court Reporter.)
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             MR. WITHEM: Let me see this.
              Counsel, hold on one second. I just want to look
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    at that.
             (Discussion held off the record
             between the witness and her counsel.)
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             MR. WITHEM: I have read it. Thank you.
             BY MR. CHAFFIN: I will just represent for the
    record this is copied from and it's Bankruptcy Court file
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    stamped across the top, your motion for the authority to
    operate the business of the debtors. That s the
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    Declaration that was supporting that?
             What's the docket number on the motion? Is it
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    255?
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             Yes. Docket 255.
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             Okay.
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             MR. WITHEM: I just represent that what you've
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     given her is her Declaration which is part of a much
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     larger document and just that the document has not been
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    provided to the witness of which this Declaration relates.
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                            I'm happy for you to review it and
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              MR. CHAFFIN:
     we could take a break and I'll go get one that doesn't
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     have a bunch of notes and stuff on it, but I was really
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     just trying to focus it down to the only part I care about
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     that relates to the Unlawful Detainer.
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              THE WITNESS: I would just like to be very sure
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     that that's what this Declaration is attached to because
     it does reference a lot of exhibits and the timing on the
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filing suggests to me it's my motion to continue authority
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    to operate, but I think it's appropriate to see the whole
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    document.
              MR. CHAFFIN: Let's go off for just a second.
              (Discussion held off the record.)
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              MR. CHAFFIN: We can go back on for a minute.
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              I'm also attaching as Exhibit 5 the Declaration
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    of Mr. Kling that you referred to earlier, which also is
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     from the same bankruptcy filing.
              Do you want to see that, Counsel?
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              MR. WITHEM: Sure, I would.
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              (Whereupon Defendants' Exhibit Number 5
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              was marked for identification by the
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              Court Reporter.)
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              MR. CHAFFIN: And I will attach as Exhibit 6 and
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     we'll represent for the record this is a copy of the
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     recorded well site agreement, not the one that was
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     attached to the motion because that's not signed yet,
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     et cetera. And that this is the one Mr. Yu sent me in an
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     e-mail after I requested it from him.
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              So that's Exhibit 6.
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              (Whereupon Defendants' Exhibit Number 6
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              was marked for identification by the
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              Court Reporter.)
              MR. CHAFFIN: I have about four or five more
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- 1 questions, I think, before I'm done here. So if you want
- 2 any time to review that, we could take a break for a
- 3 second. Otherwise, I can just ask the questions and if
- 4 you want to review it when I do, that's fine, too.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I'm good. You can go ahead and ask
- 6 the questions.
- 7 Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Earlier in your testimony
- 8 I asked you about the 60-day notice to terminate tenancy.
- 9 Do you recall that?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q I believe it's right in front of you.
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q The September 28th, 2011.
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Okay. And Exhibits 4 and 5 are part of your
- 17 motion for authority to operate the debtors' business,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A Motion for authority to continue operating the
- 20 debtor's business.
- 21 Q Correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- Q Okay. And also attached to that motion was a
- $^{24}$  Well Site, Water Rights and Easement Agreement, correct?
- A I believe so, yes.

- 1 Q And that agreement relates to this Wheeler Canyon
- 2 property that's the subject of the Unlawful Detainer?
- 3 A That's my understanding.
- Q Okay. And then I've given you as Exhibit 6 what
- 5 Mr. Yu provided me as copies of the recorded portions of
- 6 the basic agreement and the notorization.
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Okay. And your Motion for Authority to Continue
- 9 Operating the Business to the debtors was filed
- 10 November 22, 2011?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. So my question for you is: The 60-day
- 13 notice to terminate tenancy that you had issued in this
- 14 case, the one we've talked about, did you have any contact
- 15 with ATC Realty or Wells Fargo, the people the water site
- 16 agreement is with, before you issued the 60-day notice?
- 17 A I don't know.
- MR. WITHEM: Object. Wait a minute. Objection.
- 19 Misstates the facts in evidence.
- The 60-day notice you're referring to is not
- 21 issued by this person, by this deponent. It's not signed
- 22 by her.
- 23 MR. CHAFFIN: Understood.
- 24 Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: I think you said, "I don't
- $^{25}$  know," but let me rephrase the question. I'll just

- 1 withdraw it.
- 2 I'm trying to ask you if the reason for evicting
- 3 the Leslies at this point has anything to do with the
- 4 desire to access the land to pursue the well rights, well
- 5 site and water rights agreement that you had signed with
- 6 ATC Realty/Wells Fargo.
- 7 MR. WITHEM: If you can understand the question,
- 8 have at it.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't. I don't understand the
- 10 question. I think I know what you're trying to get at.
- 11 But I don't want to presume I understand what you're
- 12 asking.
- Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Well, first, to your
- 14 knowledge, how many of the residential structures on the
- 15 Wheeler Canyon property are on the side of the road where
- 16 the wells are?
- 17 A I don't know.
- 18 Q Okay. So I'm asking: Are you wanting to evict
- 19 the Leslies from access to the property where no one
- 20 resides?
- MR. WITHEM: Objection. The question has been
- 22 asked and answered earlier. She said she wants to evict
- 23 everybody.
- 24 MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. I may have forgotten the
- 25 answer. I'm sorry.

- 1 Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: But your present intention is to
- 2 evict every single person and all the animals from the
- 3 entire 1,800 acres irrespective of where they're located?
- 4 A Yes. To sell the property.
- 5 Q Okay. And so my question about the Exhibit 6,
- 6 the Well Site, Water Rights and Easement Agreement, my
- 7 question for you is: Do you recall whether or not you had
- 8 had any discussions with the other party to that
- 9 agreement, ATC Realty Nine, Inc., before making the
- 10 decision to evict the Leslies, which is now the subject of
- 11 this case?
- 12 A I don't specifically recall the timing on any of
- 13 that. But I do know and do specifically recall that the
- 14 intent to evict the Leslies and my duty to take control of
- 15 the property began significantly before this well issue
- 16 ever came to light.
- 17 Q Okay. The well site agreement that was attached
- 18 to your motion for authority to continue operating the
- 19 business of the debtors, did you draft that agreement or
- 20 did Wells Farge provide it to you?
- 21 A I did not draft it.
- 22 O Do you know who drafted it?
- 23 A I do not.
- 24 O Do you know when it was drafted?
- 25 A I do not.

- 1 Q Do you know when it was provided to you in terms
- 2 of how long before November 22nd, 2011, when the motion
- 3 was filed?
- A I couldn't specifically recall, no.
- 5 Q Okay. In terms of your testimony that you are
- 6 evicting all the residents and everything else there in
- 7 order to have access to market and sell the property, do
- 8 you know what the value of the property is for purposes of
- 9 that sale?
- 10 A Not at this point. My broker is working on that
- 11 at the moment.
- 12 Q Mr. Kling recently came to the property, correct?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q And prior to Mr. Kling's prior visit --
- 15 I'm sorry -- prior to Mr. Kling's recent visit, did you
- 16 ever have the property valued?
- A I didn't have the ability to because no one had
- 18 access to or could be on the property.
- 20 preliminary values on the property?
- 21 No.
- 22 Q Has Mr. Kling indicated to you an opinion as to
- 23 whether or not enough of the property could be sold to
- 24 satisfy the creditors in the bankruptcy case without
- having to evict the Leslies?

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Objection. The question calls for
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             MR. WITHEM:
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    speculation. Assumes a fact not in evidence that that's
    even possible. It's also contrary to the current
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    bankruptcy orders. So it does call for speculation.
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             Go ahead.
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             THE WITNESS: We're trying to determine the value
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    of the property and the value of the various parcels and
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    they are working on it as we speak. They have gotten the
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    information. They are working on getting information from
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    the title company. We now have pictures. We now have
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    them viewing the property and that it is in process.
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             BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. And if you were provided
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    with a professional real estate opinion indicating that
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    parts of the larger six parcel property could be sold for
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     enough money to satisfy the bankruptcy issues without
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    evicting the Leslies, would you stop the Unlawful Detainer
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    proceedings?
              MR WITHEM: Objection. Calls for speculation.
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     Assumes facts.
              THE WITNESS: I don't know at this time.
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              BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Earlier I had asked you
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     about whether or not you had paid any of the water bills
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     at the property and you said you didn't know who paid them
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from the date of appointment of trustee forward.

Do you remember that testimony?

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             Yes.
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         Q
         A
             I don't.
3
             Do you know the sources of the water?
         Q
5
         A
             I don't.
             Okay. Exhibit 5, I believe I gave you earlier
6
    the declaration of Mr. Kling, your broker?
7
         A
              Yes.
8
              This declaration of Mr. Kling, do you see where
9
    he states in Paragraph 2 -- he's referencing the well site
10
    water agreement -- do you see where he states that his
11
     opinion is that the water agreement is absolutely
12
     necessary to preserve the value of the Wheeler property?
13
              I see that.
14
              Okay. Do you know whether or not at the time
15
          Q
     this was filed with the Court you had any specific
16
     information about the amount of water available at the
17
     property?
18
              MR. WITHEM: Excuse me. I'm going to get a drink
19
20
     of water.
              MR. CHAFFIN: Let's take a break.
21
               (Brief recess.)
22
              MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Go back on.
23
              Could you read that back? I don't even remember
 24
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     what I said.
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1
               THE REPORTER:
                              Sure.
 2
               (Discussion held off the record.)
               (Whereupon the record was read
              by the Reporter as follows:
                   Do you know whether or not at the
              time this was filed with the Court you
              had any specific information about the
 8
              amount of water available at the
              property?")
10
              BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay?
          Q
11
              Personally, I do not recall any specific
          A
12
    information --
13
         Q
             Okay.
14
              -- provided to me.
15
             The Exhibit 6 Well Site Agreement, can you recall
         Q
    how the whole issue of these wells on the property, how
16
    this initially came to your attention?
17
18
             I believe myself or my attorneys were
19
    contacted -- not these attorneys, my bankruptcy
    attorneys -- were contacted by the entity that foreclosed
    and took title to the property and had been possibly a
   party to a prior water well agreement, as well as the
    former general partner that had been a party to the water
    well agreement.
         Q
             Okay. So your recollection is it was initiated
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- 1 by the other party to the agreement?
- 2 A Yes, I believe so.
- 3 Q Do you recall whether or not -- I just want to
- 4 make sure I'm asking you about the right entities --
- 5 Exhibit 6, the current effective agreement is with
- 6 ATC Realty and Wells Fargo, correct?
- 7 MR. WITHEM: Objection. The document speaks for
- 8 itself. Calls for speculation.
- 9 THE WITNESS: The agreement appears to be with
- 10 ATC Realty Nine, Inc.
- 11 Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: And when you state with -- the
- 12 being approached by the prior owner or prior party to the
- 13 prior agreement, I just want to know: Are you testifying
- 14 that you and Mr. Yu or the bankruptcy counsel, whoever it
- 15 was, were approached by ATC about the agreement, or were
- 16 approached by Wheeler Canyon partners, or Mr. Chadwick?
- 17 Do you recall who approached you?
- 18 A I don't recall.
- 19 Q Okay. Do you recall whether or not whoever it
- 20 was that approached you about the well agreement, do you
- 21 recall whether or not they provided you with information
- 22 about how much water was already on the property?
- 23 A I don't recall.
- Q Do you recall whether or not they told you that?
- 25 Do you recall asking --

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MR. WITHEM: Wait. Objection. The question is
1
2
    ambiguous.
             THE WITNESS: I don't know why this is relevant
3
4
    to --
             MR. CHAFFIN:
                           I'm happy --
             THE WITNESS: -- it's an Unlawful Detainer.
6
             MR. CHAFFIN: -- I'm happy to explain it.
7
             MR. WITHEM: No, no. My objection was what it
8
9
    was.
             BY MR. CHAFFIN: So my question was: Do you
10
         Q
    recall whether or not you made inquiry as to how much
11
    water was already on the property before entering into
12
    Exhibit 6 water rights agreement?
13
             MR. WITHEM: Objection. Misstates the testimony.
14
    Misstates the document. Assumes facts not in evidence.
15
              The question is: Did she enter into this
16
     agreement? You just said that.
17
              MR. CHAFFIN: Yes. She -- no, no, no, no, no.
18
              MR WITHEM: Okay.
19
              MR. CHAFFIN: My question is --
20
              Can you read back my question, please?
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21
              MR. WITHEM: I'm sorry.
 22
              THE WITNESS: Can we go off the record? Let's
 23
          Let me go kinda fill you in on this.
 24
     ao.
 25
              MR. WITHEM: Okay.
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· 1	(Discussion held off the record between
2	the witness and her counsel outside the
3	conference room.)
4	MR. CHAFFIN: Did we get the question?
5	THE REPORTER: Ready.
6	MR. CHAFFIN: Is there a question or answer
7	pending?
. 8	THE REPORTER: Yes.
9	(Whereupon the record was read
10	by the Reporter as follows:
11	"Q So my question was: Do you recall
12	whether or not you made inquiry as to how
13	much water was already on the property
14	before entering into agreement Exhibit 6
15	water rights agreement?")
16	THE WITNESS: I entered into this agreement when
17	the bankruptcy court approved it and all of the
18	information was provided in their motion for approval of
19	entering into this agreement to the court public record
120	and was presented at the hearing.
21	Q BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. And do you recall whether
<b>1</b> 22	or not the agreement strike that. Sorry.
23	I can't recall if you answered before, but who
24	drafted the agreement?
25	A I don't know. Page 4
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Okay. Did you?
1
         Q
         A
             Personally? No.
3
         Q
             Did your counsel?
         A
              I don't know.
              Okay. At the time you approached the bankruptcy
    court with the agreement, did you know the fair market
    value of the Wheeler Canyon Ranch if it were to be put up
7
    for sale?
              I've already testified that we're trying to
    determine the current fair market value of the property.
10
              MR. WITHEM: Well, the answer to the question is
11
12
    no.
              THE WITNESS: My answer is no.
13
              BY MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Do you know now as we sit
14
          Q
    here where you're trying to get access to the property to
15
     sell it, do you know whether or not Exhibit 6, the Well
16
     Rights Agreement, had the effect of increasing the value
17
     of the property?
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              I do not know.
19
              MR. CHAFFIN: I have no further questions.
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21
              Questions?
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              MR. WITHEM: I have none.
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                             I propose a stipulation to relieve
 23
              MR. CHAFFIN:
     the court reporter of some of her duties under the Code;
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                                     . Acodek About the
     that the transcript --
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1
              THE REPORTER:
                            He wants it sent directly to her.
2
             MR. WITHEM: It can go directly to my client.
3
             MR. CHAFFIN: -- be prepared and mailed directly
4
     to Ms. McBeth; that she will have five days? Ten days?
5
             MR. WITHEM: Well, we're not going to go to trial
6
    on this case tomorrow, so...
7
             MR. CHAFFIN: She'll have two weeks --
8
              THE WITNESS: Two weeks is fine.
9
             MR. CHAFFIN: -- from the date she receives it to
10
     review the transcript, make any changes that she deems
11
    necessary subject to the admonitions that we waived; and
12
     sign the transcript, return the original to my office;
13
     that if the transcript is not signed by the 14 days, then
     it's understood that an unsigned copy of the transcript as
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15
     it was presented to her is useable for all purposes as
16
     ordinarily useable; that if the original of the transcript
17
    becomes lost, destroyed, or otherwise unavailable, a
     certified copy can be used in its place for all purposes.
18
19
              And, Counsel, how do you want to get notified of
20
     the changes?
21
              MR. WITHEM: Here's what we're going to do.
22
     You're going to mail the original to Ms. McBeth.
23
     going to make changes, corrections. I will receive those
24
     changes and corrections and we will have the original
25
     returned to your offices and for some written document
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with the original to follow confirming that, one, it has
    been signed with the signature page along with the changes
    and corrections; should the original be lost, any
4
    certified copy with those changes and corrections may be
    used; if we are not -- strike that.
5
              If we do not notify you of changes or
    corrections, then you may use it as though the witness has
7
    reviewed it and corrected it; but I will assume this
8
    responsibility to advise you within the 14 days of the
9
    changes, corrections, and of the signing, and I'll get the
10
    original to you in due course, if required, and if I still
11
    have it for some unforsaken reason, I'll make sure it's
12
    lodged with the Court upon any request that you make, but
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    I will get it to you; I would like confirmation that you
14
    have sent it to the deponent so that I can count those
15
     14 days personally; if you could do that, Ms. Reporter.
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17
     Just an e-mail or fax or, you know, something.
18
              Thank you.
19
              And you will be custodian of the original and
     you'll lodge it at the time of trial as necessary for any
20
     other time upon reasonable request. Correct?
21
22
              MR. CHAFFIN: So stipulated.
23
              MR. WITHEM:
                           Great.
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(Whereupon the deposition proceedings

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concluded at 11:10 a.m.)

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4	(Whereupon it was agreed by and between	
2	counsel that the court reporter would be	
3	relieved of her statutory duties under	
4	C.C.P. 2025.520 and 2025.550;	
5	Further, that the deposition would	-
6	be signed by the witness under penalty	
7	of perjury.)	
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I, DOROTHEA W. HARTLEY, CSR# 5505, in and for the County of Ventura, State of California, do hereby certify:

That prior to being examined the witness whose deposition appears hereinbefore was duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

That said deposition was taken at the time and place as herein set forth; that said deposition was taken down in shorthand by me and thereafter transcribed into typewriting, and I hereby certify that the foregoing deposition is a full, true and correct transcription of my shorthand notes so taken.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action; nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 6th day of June, 2012.

DOROTHEA W. HARTLEY, CSR# 5505 in and for the County of Ventura, State of California.

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